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Weekly Payroll Jobs and Wages in Australia

Payroll jobs and wages estimates, sourced from Single Touch Payroll (STP) data

Reference period Week ending 16 April 2022

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Key statistics

Between the weeks ending 2 April 2022 and 16 April 2022:

- Payroll jobs, down 0.3%
- Total wages, down 1.7%

Monthly change periods presented in this release continue to reflect change between the reference date and the four weeks prior to it. There are five weeks of data since the previous reference date (week ending 12 March 2022).

Revisions

This release sees higher than usual revisions in January 2022, as the 16 week imputation retention threshold passes through this period. Revisions mostly reflect the removal of previously imputed records, which saw some over-imputation during a period of strong seasonal decline. Users should exercise caution when referring to estimates around this period.

Change periods

This release presents percentage change between the weeks ending 16 April 2022 and:

- 2 April 2022, for fortnight
- 19 March 2022, for month
- 17 April 2021, for year

This differs for employment size estimates which are month lagged.

National

In the fortnight to 16 April 2022:

- Payroll jobs decreased by 0.3%, compared to a decrease of 0.5% in the previous fortnight
- Total wages paid decreased by 1.7%, compared to a decrease of 0.8% in the previous fortnight

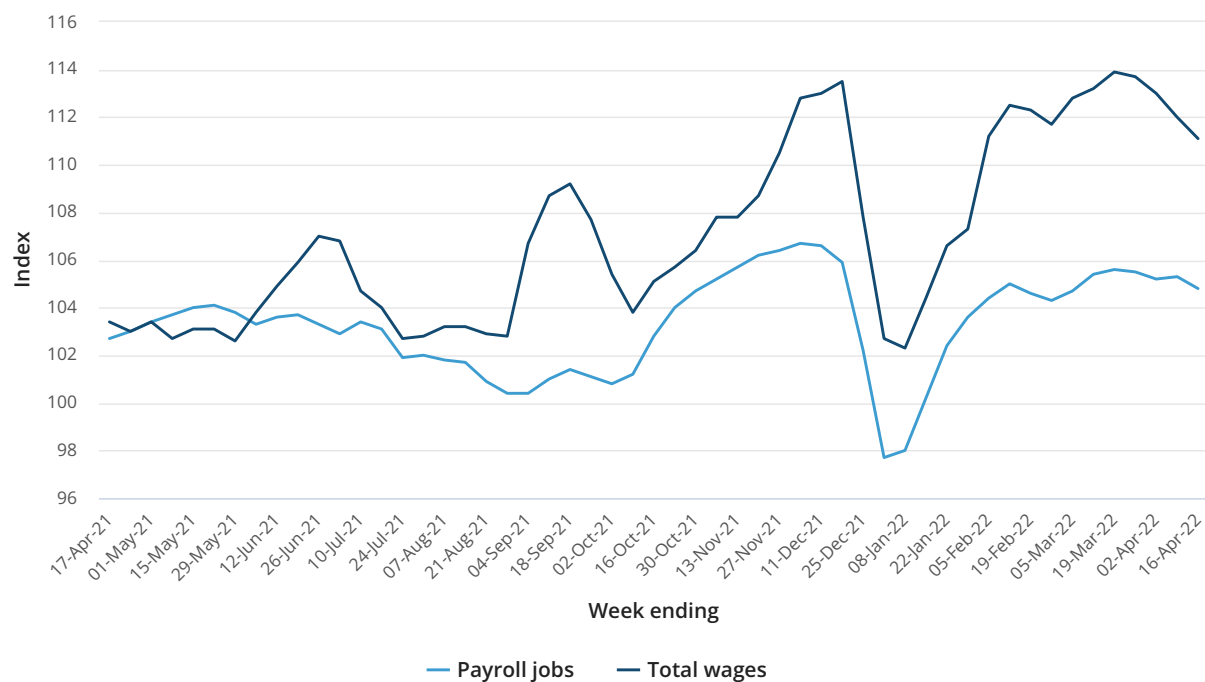
Percentage change in payroll jobs and total wages

	Fortnight (%)	Month (%)	Year (%)
Payroll jobs	-0.3	-0.8	2.0
Total wages	-1.7	-2.5	7.4

Estimates of changes throughout this release are calculated using un-rounded index values. They may be different from, but are more accurate than, movements obtained from the

rounded index values.

Payroll jobs and total wages index (a)(b)



a. Indexed to the week ending 14 March 2020.

b. Payroll jobs and wages data during June and July see a greater variation in business payroll reporting around the end of financial year. For more information, see [Variation in revisions in Data variability and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-april-2022#data-variability-and-revisions\)](#).

State and territory

Payroll jobs

All geographical areas in this release represent the residential address of the jobholder.

In the fortnight to 16 April 2022, the largest changes in payroll jobs were:

- New South Wales, Victoria, Queensland, Tasmania and Australian Capital Territory (all down 0.4%)
- South Australia and Northern Territory (both down 0.3%)

State and territory percentage change in payroll jobs, in the fortnight to 16 April 2022

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Percentage change in payroll jobs, by state and territory

	Fortnight (%)	Month (%)	Year (%)
New South Wales	-0.4	-1.0	0.2
Victoria	-0.4	-0.7	2.8
Queensland	-0.4	-0.9	2.7
South Australia	-0.3	-0.8	2.4
Western Australia	-0.1	-0.4	3.3
Tasmania	-0.4	-0.6	3.6
Northern Territory	-0.3	-1.3	1.9
Australian Capital Territory	-0.4	-0.5	4.3
Australia	-0.3	-0.8	2.0

Total wages

In the fortnight to 16 April 2022, the largest changes in total wages paid were:

- Tasmania, down 3.0%
- Western Australia, down 2.8%

Percentage change in total wages, by state and territory

	Fortnight (%)	Month (%)	Year (%)
New South Wales	-2.4	-3.2	6.0
Victoria	-1.7	-1.8	7.6
Queensland	0.0	-1.5	8.7
South Australia	-1.6	-1.6	7.0
Western Australia	-2.8	-4.5	9.2
Tasmania	-3.0	-2.1	6.2
Northern Territory	-0.7	-1.0	5.5
Australian Capital Territory	-0.5	-0.1	9.0
Australia	-1.7	-2.5	7.4

Sub-state - payroll jobs

Time series estimates of payroll jobs by sub-state regions (Statistical Area 4 (SA4), Statistical Area 3 (SA3) and Greater Capital City Area (GCCSA) regions) are presented as index values in Table 5 of the Data downloads.

For more information on the geography used in this release, see the [Glossary \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-april-2022#glossary\)](/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-april-2022#glossary).

GCCSA regions percentage change in payroll jobs, in the fortnight to 16 April 2022

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The ACT only has one GCCSA region for the entire Territory.

Sex and age group

Persons aged 15-19 years old by sex indexes can be affected by a higher proportion of records with unknown sex than other age group indexes. For more information, see the Update of jobholder characteristics in the historical [Methods review \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-12-february-2022#methods-review\)](/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-12-february-2022#methods-review).

Payroll jobs

In the fortnight to 16 April 2022, the largest changes in payroll jobs were:

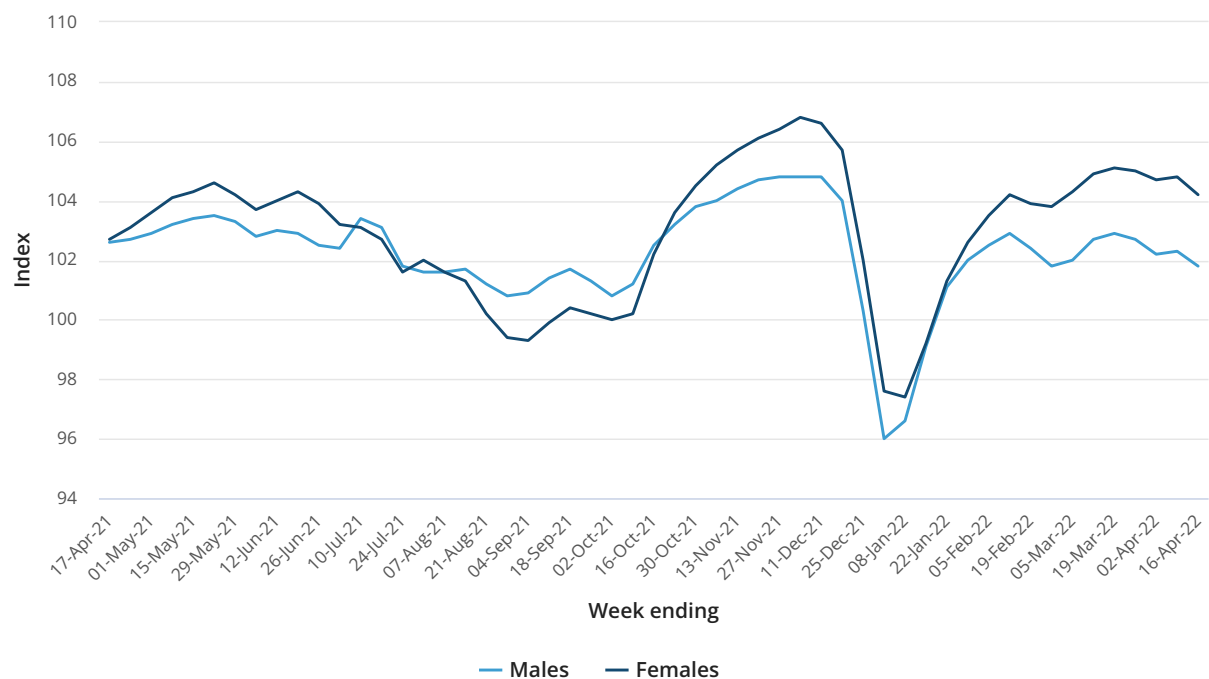
- worked by males and females, both down 0.4%
- worked by persons aged 70 and over, down 1.6%

Percentage change in payroll jobs, by sex and age group (a)

		Fortnight (%)	Month (%)	Year (%)
Sex	Males	-0.4	-1.1	-0.8
	Females	-0.4	-0.8	1.5
Age group (years)	15-19	0.7	-3.0	2.0
	20-29	-0.3	-1.0	1.6
	30-39	-0.3	-0.6	1.6
	40-49	-0.4	-0.7	1.5
	50-59	-0.5	-0.5	1.9
	60-69	-0.8	-0.1	5.2
	70 and over	-1.6	-0.1	8.5
All persons		-0.3	-0.8	2.0

a. Persons with 'unknown' sex and age are only included in the calculation of All persons indexes. For more information, see Inclusion of unknown characteristics in [How data are processed \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-April-2022#how-data-are-processed\)](#).

Payroll jobs by sex (a)



a. Indexed to the week ending 14 March 2020.

Total wages

In the fortnight to 16 April 2022, the largest changes in total wages paid were:

- worked by males, down 2.5%
- worked by persons aged 15-19, up 9.6%

Percentage change in total wages, by sex and age group (a)

		Fortnight (%)	Month (%)	Year (%)
Sex	Males	-2.5	-3.5	4.7
	Females	-0.8	-1.4	9.4
Age group (years)	15-19	9.6	4.2	18.9
	20-29	0.7	-0.4	8.2
	30-39	-1.5	-2.2	6.5
	40-49	-3.1	-4.0	6.4
	50-59	-2.9	-3.5	6.9
	60-69	-2.3	-1.8	9.9
	70 and over	-2.8	-0.1	14.9
All persons		-1.7	-2.5	7.4

a. Persons with 'unknown' sex and age are only included in the calculation of All persons indexes. For more information, see Inclusion of unknown characteristics in [How data are processed \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-april-2022#how-data-are-processed\)](#).

5 year age groups - Payroll jobs

Time series estimates of payroll jobs by 5 year age groups by sex are presented as index values in Table 8 of the Data downloads.

Industry

Payroll jobs

In the fortnight to 16 April 2022, the largest changes in payroll jobs were:

- Other services, down 2.8%
- Accommodation and food services, down 2.0%

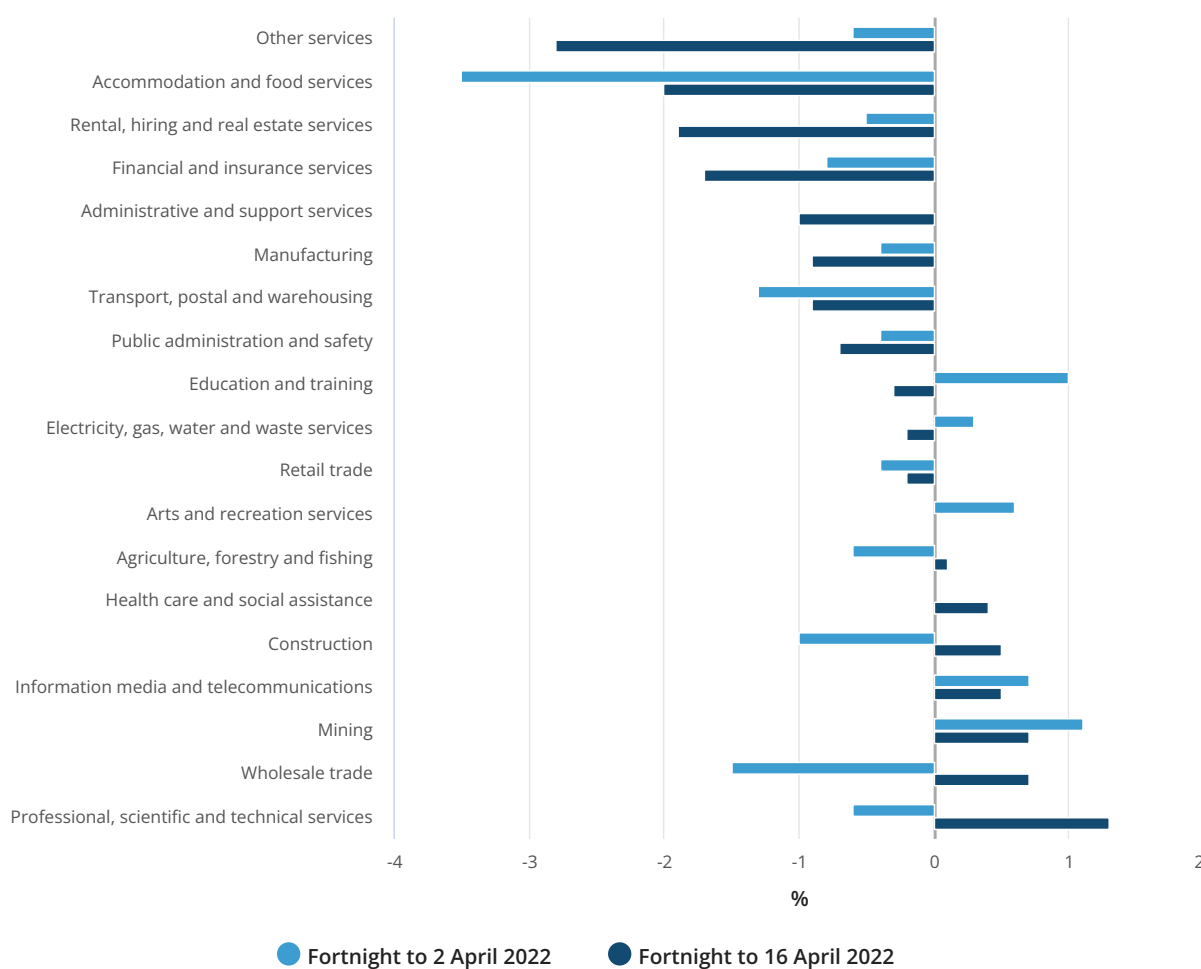
Percentage change in payroll jobs, by industry (a)

	Fortnight (%)	Month (%)	Year (%)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	0.1	-0.6	-2.7
Mining	0.7	1.9	6.4
Manufacturing	-0.9	-1.3	-3.3
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	-0.2	0.2	1.0
Construction	0.5	-0.4	-2.3
Wholesale trade	0.7	-0.8	-1.5

	Fortnight (%)	Month (%)	Year (%)
Retail trade	-0.2	-0.6	0.5
Accommodation and food services	-2.0	-5.4	-14.9
Transport, postal and warehousing	-0.9	-2.2	-2.2
Information media and telecommunications	0.5	1.2	1.3
Financial and insurance services	-1.7	-2.4	2.0
Rental, hiring and real estate services	-1.9	-2.4	-2.5
Professional, scientific and technical services	1.3	0.7	4.6
Administrative and support services	-1.0	-1.0	1.5
Public administration and safety	-0.7	-1.1	0.9
Education and training	-0.3	0.7	6.3
Health care and social assistance	0.4	0.3	3.3
Arts and recreation services	0.0	0.6	1.9
Other services	-2.8	-3.4	-4.7
All industries	-0.3	-0.8	2.0

a. Some industries experience pronounced seasonality in either payroll jobs and wages or both. For more information, see Seasonality in [Data variability and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-april-2022#data-variability-and-revisions\)](#).

Percentage change in payroll jobs by industry (a)



a. Industries ranked by percentage change in the latest fortnight.

Total wages

In the fortnight to 16 April 2022, the largest changes in total wages paid were:

- Financial and insurance services, down 11.5%
- Mining, down 8.7%

Percentage change in total wages, by industry (a)

	Fortnight (%)	Month (%)	Year (%)
Agriculture, forestry and fishing	-2.2	-2.3	1.2
Mining	-8.7	-11.6	17.9
Manufacturing	-4.0	-6.6	1.1
Electricity, gas, water and waste services	-4.1	-5.9	4.3
Construction	-1.1	-1.2	-1.2
Wholesale trade	-4.1	-6.0	4.1
Retail trade	3.6	2.4	4.1
Accommodation and food services	4.7	0.0	-1.6
Transport, postal and warehousing	-0.5	-0.3	3.1
Information media and telecommunications	-1.6	-0.4	5.3
Financial and insurance services	-11.5	-14.3	5.1
Rental, hiring and real estate services	-3.6	-4.0	3.0
Professional, scientific and technical services	0.3	0.0	11.8
Administrative and support services	-4.1	-3.0	5.6
Public administration and safety	-1.1	0.0	5.7
Education and training	-0.8	-0.2	8.5
Health care and social assistance	1.8	0.8	9.1
Arts and recreation services	3.1	-0.6	7.1
Other services	-3.4	-3.3	0.1
All industries	-1.7	-2.5	7.4

a. Some industries experience pronounced seasonality in either payroll jobs and wages or both. For more information, see Seasonality in [Data variability and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-april-2022#data-variability-and-revisions\)](#).

Industry subdivision - Payroll jobs

Time series estimates of payroll jobs by industry subdivision are presented as index values in Table 6 of the Data downloads. For more information on the industry classifications used in this release, see the [Glossary \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-april-2022#glossary\)](#).

Private sector industry - Payroll jobs

Time series estimates of payroll jobs by private sector for selected industry divisions are presented as index values in Table 9 of the Data downloads. More information on the sector classification can be found in Updating characteristics variables in [How data are processed](#)

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Employment size

The ABS has previously advised caution in using the most recent periods in payroll jobs by employment size indexes, which are subject to higher than usual revisions over a longer period - particularly for small employers. These indexes are more heavily influenced by changes in reporting behaviour and reporting obligations than other indexes, affecting the interpretation of underlying change in labour market conditions. To provide more stability at the end point of these series, a month lag in the reference week is in place.

These estimates present percentage change between the weeks ending 12 March 2022 and:

- 26 February 2022, for fortnight
- 12 February 2022, for month
- 13 March 2021, for year

Percentage change in payroll jobs by employment size, for the week ending 12 March 2022 (a)

	Fortnight (%)	Month (%)	Year (%)
Under 20 employees	0.9	-0.2	5.7
20-199 employees	1.6	0.3	-3.8
200 employees and over	0.9	0.8	2.0
All businesses	1.0	0.4	1.6

a. Records with 'unknown' employment size are only included in the calculation of All businesses indexes. For more information, see Revisions in sub-populations in [Data variability and revisions \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-april-2022#data-variability-and-revisions\)](/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-april-2022#data-variability-and-revisions).

Distribution of characteristics

To aid in the interpretability of payroll job estimates, the following data download contains selected distributions of jobholder and employer characteristics by state and territory.

Records with 'unknown' characteristics have been excluded from the calculation of proportions. For more information on the source, impact and proportion of unknowns, see the Updating characteristic variables and Inclusion of unknown characteristics sections

of [How data are processed \(/methodologies/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia-methodology/week-ending-16-april-2022#how-data-are-processed\)](#).

Table 20: Payroll jobs - characteristics distributions

Contains selected distributions of jobholder and employer characteristics.

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Table 4: Payroll jobs and wages indexes

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Table 5: Sub-state - Payroll jobs indexes

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Table 6: Industry subdivision - Payroll jobs indexes

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Table 7: Employer characteristics - Payroll jobs index

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Table 8: Jobholder characteristics - Payroll jobs index

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Table 9: Sector - Payroll jobs index

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Upcoming changes

Expansion of outputs

Payroll job outputs will be expanded over 2022, however the availability in specific releases is yet to be determined. In alphabetical order, the planned outputs are:

- Employment size by industry division
- Industry division by Statistical Area Level 4 (SA4)
- Private sector by state/territory
- State by industry subdivision

Previous articles

Previously published articles and information of interest are linked below:

- [Regional spotlight on New South Wales and Queensland \(/articles/regional-spotlight-new-south-wales-and-queensland\)](/articles/regional-spotlight-new-south-wales-and-queensland) provides maps of regional payroll job changes in the month to mid-March 2022
- [Seasonality spotlight \(/articles/seasonality-spotlight-2021-year-end\)](/articles/seasonality-spotlight-2021-year-end) describes the most recent seasonal changes in the labour market
- [Distribution of jobholder and employer characteristics \(/articles/distribution-jobholder-and-employer-characteristics\)](/articles/distribution-jobholder-and-employer-characteristics) provides selected distributions to aid in interpreting estimates produced from STP data
- [A year of COVID-19 through payroll jobs and wages statistics \(/articles/year-covid-19-through-payroll-jobs-and-wages-statistics\)](/articles/year-covid-19-through-payroll-jobs-and-wages-statistics) reviews payroll jobs and wages in the year since Australia's 100th case of COVID-19
- [Year-end data variability \(/articles/year-end-data-variability\)](/articles/year-end-data-variability) provides some context on seasonality and seasonal variation
- [Secondary jobs \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-17-october-2020#secondary-jobs\)](/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-17-october-2020#secondary-jobs) provides insight into multiple jobholders
- [Incorporating JobKeeper supported payments into Weekly payroll jobs and wages in Australia \(/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-30-may-2020#incorporating-jobkeeper-supported-back-payments-into-weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-in-australia\)](/statistics/labour/earnings-and-work-hours/weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-australia/week-ending-30-may-2020#incorporating-jobkeeper-supported-back-payments-into-weekly-payroll-jobs-and-wages-in-australia) describes how JobKeeper payments are included

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